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NJMC Continues Scholarship Program

LYNDHURST, N.J. – The NJMC Board of Commissioners reaffirmed its support for scientific education today by continuing its scholarship program for high school students who live in the 14 Meadowlands District municipalities.

“Our promising students must make studying the environment a priority if we are to keep improving the Meadowlands,” said NJMC Chair Susan Bass Levin, also the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Commissioner. “By offering these scholarships, we are doing our part to encourage these students to pursue an education that focuses on science. We need the best and brightest young minds of today to evolve into our stakeholders for tomorrow.”

The NJMC allocated \$28,000 for this year’s program, which will provide each Meadowlands District town with \$2,000 for an outstanding high school student who is pursuing a higher education in science or a science related field in college, including environmental education. The program was founded last year through the NJMC’s MAGNET (Meadowlands Area Grants for Natural and Economic Transformation) program, a five year, \$33 million plan to ensure funding to accomplish the goals outlined in the agency’s Master Plan.

Last year, scholarships were awarded to high school seniors bound for Rutgers University, Manhattan College, Stevens Institute of Technology and other centers of higher learning.

NJMC will make the information available at its headquarters in Lyndhurst as well as the Web site www.njmeadowlands.gov. Informational letters including requirements already have been sent to school superintendents, principals and guidance counselors.

“Educational outreach is important to this agency because it is an investment in the scientists and educators of the next generation,” said NJMC Executive Director Robert Ceberio. “Whether they return to the Meadowlands to study our ecosystem or the Hackensack River, or travel across the world to study environmental issues, we will be proud to know these outstanding, intelligent young people got their start in the Meadowlands.”

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